

REMARKS

All the rejected claims are canceled herein, and the "objected to" claims are amended herein to be in independent form to thereby be allowable.

More specifically, rejected claims 1, 12-14, 17-18, 21-22 and 27-29 are canceled herein, and "objected to" claims 2-11, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23-26 and 30 are amended herein to be in independent form and thereby be allowable.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-11, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23-26 and 30 are currently pending, and should all be allowable. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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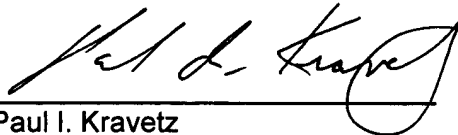
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